

REMARKS

The status of the related application has been updated.

The indicated allowability of claim 14 is gratefully acknowledged. New independent claim 22 includes the subject matter of claims 1 and 13-14 and is believed to be allowable, together with its dependent claims 23-34 (which correspond to canceled claims 3-12 and 15-16). Claim 26 was amended to overcome the Examiner's formal objection to claim 2.

New independent claim 35 includes the subject matter of claims 17 and 13-14 and is believed to be allowable, together with its dependent claim 36. Claim 36 was amended to overcome the Examiner's formal objection to claim 18.

New independent claims 37-38 correspond to canceled claims 19-20, but define the double-bend duct in a different way. The Examiner regards Welty as teaching a double bend in Fig. 4. This visualization of Welty is open to dispute, especially if regard is had to Fig. 3 which, being a perspective view, shows the duct more clearly. There is, in reality, a single bend, referred to by Welty at col. 9, line 36, as being about the "bend point" 37. At line 44, Welty refers to the outer radius 39 or the bend in *the singular*. However, the bend has been flattened and for this reason Fig. 4 give the erroneous impression of two bends.

Claims 37-38 distinguish from Welty as applied to Falabella, by reciting the straight section (202 in Fig. 13) between the two bends, and the arrangement of the bends in preventing line of sight and a single bounce path between the cathodic source and the substrate. Even if the Examiner is correct in interpreting Welty as teaching two bends, it does not disclose a straight section between the bends and its construction of duct would not avoid a simple bounce path between the cathodic source and substrate.

New dependent claim 39 corresponds to claim 21, and new dependent claim 40 introduces the concept of the bends of claim 38 being in non-coincidental planes.

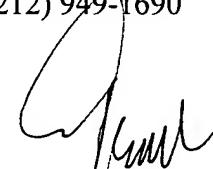
Allowance of claims 22-40 is respectfully requested. No excess claims fee is due.

Petition is hereby made for a one-month extension of the period to respond to the outstanding Official Action to November 14, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00, as the Petition fee, is enclosed herewith. If there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection with the filing of the amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1145.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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